

Authority was given to the President to address a memorial, on behalf of the Society, to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, asking permission to rent such parts of the building occupied by the Society as are not required for their use; and the Committee on the Hall were authorized to take such measures as may be necessary for presenting such memorial to the Legislature.

Stated Meeting, March 19.

Present, twenty-one members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were announced and read:—

From the Academy of Sciences of Stockholm, dated Stockholm, 10th October, 1846, announcing donations to the Library of the Society: and,—

From Dr. Joseph Emil Nürnberger, dated Landsburg, near Berlin, 10th November, 1846, announcing a donation to the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Kongl. Vetenskaps-Akademiens Handlingar, för år 1844. Stockholm, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Royal Academy of Stockholm.*

Årsberättelse om Framstegen i Kemi och Mineralogi afgifven den 31 Mars, 1846; af Jac. Berzelius, K. V. A. Secret. Stockholm, 1846. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Öfversigt af Kongl. Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar. Nos. 8, 9, 10. 1845. Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive. 1846. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. III. November and December, 1846. No. 6. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

Populäres Astronomisches Hand-Wörterbuch. Von Dr. Joseph Emil Nürnberger. Erster Band. A-K. Kempten, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Mittlere Oerter von 12000 Fix-sternen, für den Anfang von 1836,

abgeleitet aus den Beobachtungen auf der Hamburger Sternwarte von Carl. Rümker. Hamburg, 1846. 4to.—*From Professor Rümker.*

The Electrical Magazine, conducted by Mr. Charles V. Walker. Vol. II. No. 14. October, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXIII. March, 1847. No. 3. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania. Vol. XLIII. No. 255. Third Series. Vol. XIII. March, 1847. No. 3. 8vo.—*From Dr. Patterson.*

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE.

The London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Philosophical Magazine, and Journal of Science. Third Series. No. 194. October, 1846. 8vo.

Astronomische Nachrichten. Nos. 575 and 576. Altona, September 10th and 19th, 1846. 4to.

Dr. Meigs read to the Society a paper upon the Marsupial Gestation of Didelphis Virginiana, which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Drs. Hays, Bache, and Condie.

The Committee on the Hall made a report upon the subject of the renting of the rooms now occupied by the Athenæum, referred to them on the 5th February, 1847.

The same Committee reported that the memorial to the Legislature, authorized at the last meeting of the Society, had been prepared, and placed in the hands of Mr. S. W. Roberts, by whom it had been presented to the Legislature, and the desired permission obtained.

Whereupon it was ordered that the thanks of the Society be returned to Mr. S. W. Roberts for his exertions in behalf of the Society, and that the Treasurer be authorized to repay to Mr. Roberts the sum expended by him while engaged in the business of the Society.

The Act of the Legislature referred to in the report of the Committee on the Hall was then read, and ordered to be entered at large upon the minutes of the Society.